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I will not end on a critical note. We cannot change the popular view of evolution, and we cannot save the rainforests from today's population pressures. Mitchell's book reflects our grief, and our collective confusion about the processes which operate in our world. On page 187, Mitchell states; "entomologists, I find, appear uninterested in most things unless insects are involved." Appearances, I hope, have proven themselves deceiving.

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#### BOOK NOTICE

BELLÉS, X. 1985. Sistemática, filogenia y biogeografía de la subfamilia Gibbiinae (Coleoptera: Ptinidae). Treballs del Museu de Zoologia, Núm. 3, 94 pp. Ajuntament de Barcelona. (Parc de la Ciutadella Apt. de Correus 593, 08003- Barcelona, Spain).

This number, the third to be published in a series that began in 1979, is an excellent example of modern systematic entomology, treating a taxon that is of interest to applied entomologists as well as to taxonomists and evolutionary biologists, generally. The taxonomic section contains excellent line drawings of male genitalia and habitus illustrations of many species. Dot maps complement statements in the text about geographical range of each species. The treatments of phylogenetic and biogeographic aspects of the gibbiine pttinids seem to be very well done. A valuable feature of this publication for anglophones is an English two-page summary of the Spanish text.

Treballs del Museu de Zoologia is a new series continuing the "Trabajos del Museo de Zoología de Barcelona". An English translation of an editorial preceding the text of Bellés explains that the series is intended for publication of extensive monographic research works on any zoological group. Authors are invited to write in such a way that the text will be "easily understood by specialists of any branch of Biology". Because the editorial was translated into English, I assume that the journal is likely to accept manuscripts in languages other than Spanish. The potential importance of this series is thus apparent to authors seeking a place of publication for first class manuscripts in systematic biology.

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